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SUBJECT: OASGA: COMMITTEE I DEBATE OF IAHRIC REPORT ON  
PARAGUAY

USDEL 26

1. COMMITTEE I CONSIDERATION OF IAHRIC REPORT ON  
PARAGUAY PRODUCED UNEXPECTED, HIGHLY EMOTIONAL DEBATE  
BETWEEN PARAGUAYAN DEL (ARGANA) AND COMMISSION CHAIRMAN  
ANDRES AGUILAR. CONSIDERATION BEGAN, AS USUAL WITH  
ORAL SUMMARY OF REPORT BY CHAIRMAN AGUILAR WHO EXPRESSED  
PLEASURE AT APPARENTLY MORE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE OF  
GOP AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR NEW ERA IN RELATION  
BETWEEN COMMISSION AND PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT.

2. AFTER AGUILAR'S PRESENTATION, PARAGUAYAN REP  
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LUIS MARIA ARGANA LAUNCHED INTO LONG HARANGUE ATTACK-  
ING VALIDITY OF COMMISSION'S METHODS AND CONTENT OF  
ITS REPORT. AFTER PERFUNCTORY BOW TO GOOD INTENTIONS  
OF COMMISSION AND ASSERTION THAT GOP SHOULD SHARE  
DESIRE TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS, ARGANA SEVERELY AND  
ELOQUENTLY CRITICIZED METHODS BY WHICH COMMISSION

GATHERED INFORMATION FOR REPORT, SUGGESTED THAT REPORT HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR COMMISSION BY 'MERCENARY' WITH PURPOSE OF DAMAGING GOP IMAGE, AND DENIED FACTS OF SOME CASES INCLUDED IN REPORT. ARGANA CONCLUDED LONG AND AT TIMES DRAMATIC PRESENTATION BY REJECTING COMMISSION REPORT AND ANY RESOLUTION BASED ON IT.

3. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AGUILAR RESPONDED TO ARGANA WITH SOME HEAT, SAYING THAT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED BY TONE OF PARAGUAYAN STATEMENT AND CRITICIZING GOP FOR REFUSING TO ALLOW ON-SITE VISIT. AGUILAR SAID, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT LACK OF PROTECTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN PARAGUAY WAS 'NOTORIOUS' FACT, WHATEVER PECADILLOS MIGHT BE FOUND IN COMMISSION'S REPORT.

4. US DEL (MCGEE) MADE BRIEF STATEMENT THAT 'CAREFUL AND DELIBERATE' STATEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PARAGUAY CONTAINED IN COMMISSION'S REPORT WAS 'SOBERING AND DISTURBING'. MCGEE SAID THAT OBVIOUSLY MISSING ELEMENT IN REPORT WAS VISIT OF IAHR TO PARAGUAY, WHICH COULD HAVE CLEARED UP MANY DOUBTFUL POINTS. MCGEE URGED THAT GOP IMPLEMENT ITS EXPRESSED INTENTION TO PERMIT IAHR VISIT BY FIXING DEFINITE DATE.

5. AFTER INTERVENTION BY VENEZUELAN REP MACHIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH VIGOROUSLY ATTACKED THE PARAGUAYAN RESPONSE AND ACCUSED THE GOP OF BAD FAITH, GOP FORMIN NOGUES TOOK FLOOR FOR PARAGUAY AND POURED OIL ON BY NOW DISTINCTLY TROUBLED WATERS. NOGUES RENEWED PARAGUAYAN DESIRE FOR IAHR VISIT AND SAID THAT QUESTION OF DATE WOULD BE SETTLED BY HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMISSION VANCE

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